WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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- 1. A delay line comprising:
- a dielectric substrate including a pair of main surfaces;
- a transmission line disposed on one of the main surfaces of the dielectric substrate;
- a ground conductor disposed on the other of the main surfaces of the dielectric substrate; and
- a capacitance being disposed on the dielectric substrate and connected to the transmission line for setting a desired delay time of the delay line.
 - 2. A delay line according to claim 1, wherein said capacitance is adjustable.
- 3. A delay line according to claim 2, wherein said capacitance is provided by a variable capacitor.
- 4. A delay line according to claim 2, wherein said capacitance is provided by a varicap diode.
- 5. A delay line according to claim 1, wherein said capacitance is provided by a diode.
 - 6. A delay line according to claim 5, wherein said diode is a varicap diode.
- 7. A delay line according to claim 1, wherein said capacitance is connected in parallel to the transmission line.
 - 8. A delay line comprising: a multilayer structure formed by laminating a plurality of dielectric layers;

a transmission line formed on a dielectric layer embedded in the multilayer structure;

a plurality of ground conductors disposed on the dielectric layers and a pair of said ground conductors being disposed on opposite sides of the transmission line; and

a capacitance disposed on the multilayer structure and connected to the transmission line for setting a desired delay time of the delay line.

- 9. A delay line according to claim 8, wherein said capacitance is adjustable.
- 10. A delay line according to claim 9, wherein said capacitance is provided by electrodes formed on respective ones of said dielectric layers.
- 11. A delay line according to claim 9, wherein said capacitance is provided by a variable capacitor.
- 12. A delay line according to claim 9, wherein said capacitance is provided by a varicap diode.
- 13. A delay line according to claim 8, wherein said capacitance is provided by a diode.
 - . ' 14. A delay line according to claim 13, wherein said diode is a varicap diode.
 - 15. A delay line according to claim 8, wherein said capacitance is connected in parallel to the transmission line.

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